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AM SENDING OFF IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PROTEST TO SOVIET  
CONTROLLER BASIC RE HARASSMENT BY SOVIET AIRCRAFT OF  
USC-130. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"ON MARCH 27, 1959 US AIR FORCE DESPATCHED A TURBOPROP CARGO AIRCRAFT WITH SUPPLIES FOR THE US GARRISON TO BERLIN. THE FLIGHTS TO AND FROM BERLIN WERE PROPERLY NOTIFIED WITHIN OUR PREROGATIVES AND IN THE CUSTOMARY MANNER. AT 1424 GREENWICH CIVIL TIME IN THE LOCATION OF 51-05N, 10-30E, THREE SOVIET FIGHTER AIRCRAFT HARASSED THE US TRANSPORT AND PROCEEDED TO PERFORM DANGEROUS MANEUVERS AND FORMATION FLYING WITH A COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR SAFETY. THE SOVIET FIGHTERS FLEW WITHIN TEN FEET OF THE TRANSPORT DURING THE FLIGHT THROUGH THE CORRIDOR AND INTO THE TRAFFIC PATTERN AT TEMPLEHOF, WITHIN THE VERTICAL AND LATERAL LIMITS OF PROTECTION AFFORDED TO THE AIRFIELDS IN THE BERLIN CONTROL ZONE. THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE SOVIET FIGHTERS WAS 32 (PRINTED IN YELLOW) NUMBER 00 (PAINTED IN RED) AND NUMBER 04 (PAINTED IN BLACK). THIS UNWARRANTED CONDUCT OF THE SOVIET FIGHTERS WAS REPEATED ON THE RETURN TRIP OF THE USAF CARGO AIRCRAFT, BEGINNING WITHIN TEN

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MINUTES FROM DEPARTURE AT TEMPLEHOF (1704 GMT) AND CONTINUING TO THE VICINITY OF THE BORDER OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. SUCH FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF SAFETY IN THE CORRIDORS AND BERLIN CONTROL ZONE CONSTITUTES A HAZARD TO FLIGHT SAFETY IN THE CORRIDORS AND A DANGEROUS DEVIATION FROM THE PROCEDURES AGREED TO BY THE FOUR POWERS; IT IS REQUESTED THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ANY RECURRENCE OF SUCH INTERFERENCE WITH ANY FUTURE FLIGHTS OPERATING THROUGH THE CORRIDORS UNDER THE RIGHTS ESTABLISHED BY QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT."

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